



## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 25/18

from Ch. 111, par. 2318

Amends the Illinois Dental Practice Act. Changes the circumstances under which a dental hygienist may be employed or engaged. Provides the procedures and acts that a dental hygienist may perform under specified circumstances.

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1 AN ACT concerning dental hygienists.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
 3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dental Practice Act is amended by  
 5 changing Section 18 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 25/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 2318)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)

8 Sec. 18. Acts constituting the practice of dental hygiene;  
 9 limitations.

10 (1) A dental hygienist may be employed or engaged only:

11 (a) Under the supervision of a dentist: ~~(1) in the~~  
 12 office of a dentist. ~~†~~

13 ~~(2) By a federal, State, county or municipal agency or~~  
 14 ~~institution;†~~

15 ~~(3) By a public or private school; or~~

16 ~~(4) By a public clinic operating under the direction of~~  
 17 ~~a hospital or federal, State, county, municipal or other~~  
 18 ~~public agency or institution.~~

19 ~~When employed or engaged pursuant to this paragraph (a) a~~  
 20 ~~dental hygienist may perform the following procedures and acts:~~

21 ~~(i) the operative procedure of dental hygiene,~~  
 22 ~~consisting of oral prophylactic procedures;†~~

23 ~~(ii) the exposure and processing of X-Ray films of~~  
 24 ~~the teeth and surrounding structures;†~~

25 ~~(iii) the application to the surfaces of the teeth~~  
 26 ~~or gums of chemical compounds designed to be~~  
 27 ~~desensitizing agents or effective agents in the~~  
 28 ~~prevention of dental caries or periodontal disease;†~~

29 ~~(iv) all services which may be performed by a~~  
 30 ~~dental assistant as specified by rule pursuant to~~  
 31 ~~Section 17;†~~

32 ~~(v) administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide~~

1 ~~upon successful completion of a training program~~  
2 ~~approved by the Department;~~

3 ~~(vi) administration of local anesthetics upon~~  
4 ~~successful completion of a training program approved~~  
5 ~~by the Department; and~~

6 ~~(vii) such other procedures and acts as shall be~~  
7 ~~prescribed by rule or regulation of the Department.~~

8 (b) Under the general supervision of a dentist (i) in  
9 the office of a dentist, (ii) in a long-term care facility  
10 licensed by the State of Illinois, (iii) in or a mental  
11 health or developmental disability facility operated by  
12 the Department of Human Services, (iv) in a public or  
13 private school, (v) in a hospital, (vi) in a prison, (vii)  
14 in a community health center or clinic, (viii) in a mobile  
15 unit, or (ix) in a home health setting if the patient is  
16 unable to travel to a dental office because of illness or  
17 infirmity. ~~The dentist shall personally examine and~~  
18 ~~diagnose the patient and determine which services are~~  
19 ~~necessary to be performed, which shall be contained in a~~  
20 ~~written order to the hygienist. Such order must be~~  
21 ~~implemented within 120 days of its issuance, and~~ An updated  
22 medical history and oral inspection must be performed by  
23 the hygienist immediately prior to beginning the  
24 procedures ~~to ensure that the patient's health has not~~  
25 ~~changed in any manner to warrant a reexamination by the~~  
26 ~~dentist.~~ The authorizing dentist shall be responsible for  
27 providing the dental examination in a reasonable and  
28 suitable time frame to ensure the patient's overall oral  
29 health.

30 Before a dental hygienist may be employed or engaged under  
31 the general supervision of a dentist, he or she must have been  
32 actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene under the  
33 direct supervision of a dentist for a period of at least 12  
34 months. A dental hygienist who provides services under the  
35 general supervision of a dentist must show proof of  
36 professional liability insurance.

1       (2) ~~(e)~~ Without the supervision of a dentist, a dental  
2 hygienist may perform dental health education functions and may  
3 record case histories and oral conditions observed or, in a  
4 public health setting, as defined jointly by the Department of  
5 Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Dentistry,  
6 provide fluoride treatments, cleanings, and sealants for  
7 Medicaid eligible children.

8       Before a dental hygienist may be employed or engaged  
9 without the supervision of a dentist, he or she must have been  
10 actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene under the  
11 direct supervision of a dentist for a period of at least 24  
12 months. A dental hygienist who provides services without the  
13 supervision of a dentist must show proof of professional  
14 liability insurance.

15       (3) The number of dental hygienists practicing in a dental  
16 office shall not exceed, at any one time, 4 times the number of  
17 dentists practicing in the office at the time.

18       (4) When employed or engaged pursuant to paragraph (a) or  
19 (b) of subsection (1) of this Section, a dental hygienist may  
20 perform the following procedures and acts:

21           (a) the operative procedure of dental hygiene,  
22 consisting of oral prophylactic procedures;

23           (b) the exposure and processing of X-Ray films of the  
24 teeth and surrounding structures;

25           (c) the application to the surfaces of the teeth or  
26 gums of chemical compounds designed to be desensitizing  
27 agents or effective agents in the prevention of dental  
28 caries or periodontal disease;

29           (d) all services which may be performed by a dental  
30 assistant as specified by rule pursuant to Section 17; and

31           (e) such other procedures and acts as shall be  
32 prescribed by rule or regulation of the Department.

33       (5) A dental hygienist may only perform the following  
34 procedures and acts upon successful completion of a training  
35 program approved by the Department under the supervision of a  
36 dentist:

1           (a) administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide;

2           and

3           (b) administration of local anesthetics.

4           (Source: P.A. 93-113, eff. 1-1-04.)